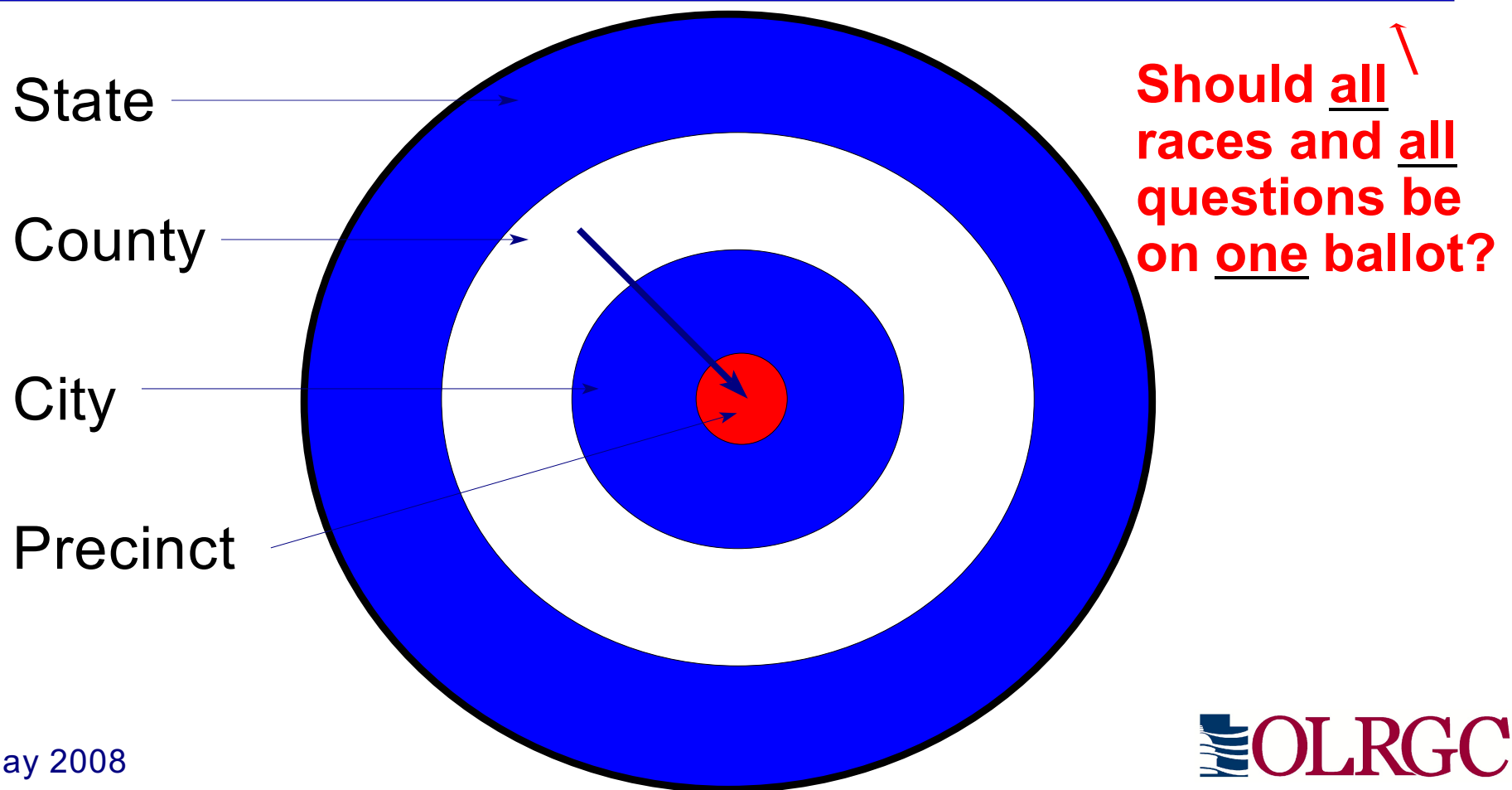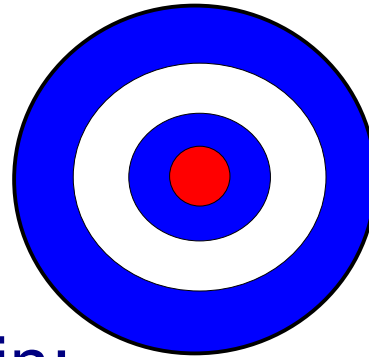# Legal Voter Ballot
Must be targeted to Voter

A ballot given to a voter on election day must contain the candidate races and ballot questions for which the voter is entitled to cast a vote, based on the voter's resident address.

State

County

City

Precinct

Should <u>all</u> races and <u>all</u> questions be on <u>one</u> ballot?

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Potential Voter Ballot Coverage

Separate Ballot Forms Needed

- **All voters are within:**
  - State boundaries;
  - Congressional districts;
  - County boundaries;
  - State Senate districts;
  - State House districts;
  - Judicial districts; and
  - Voting precincts
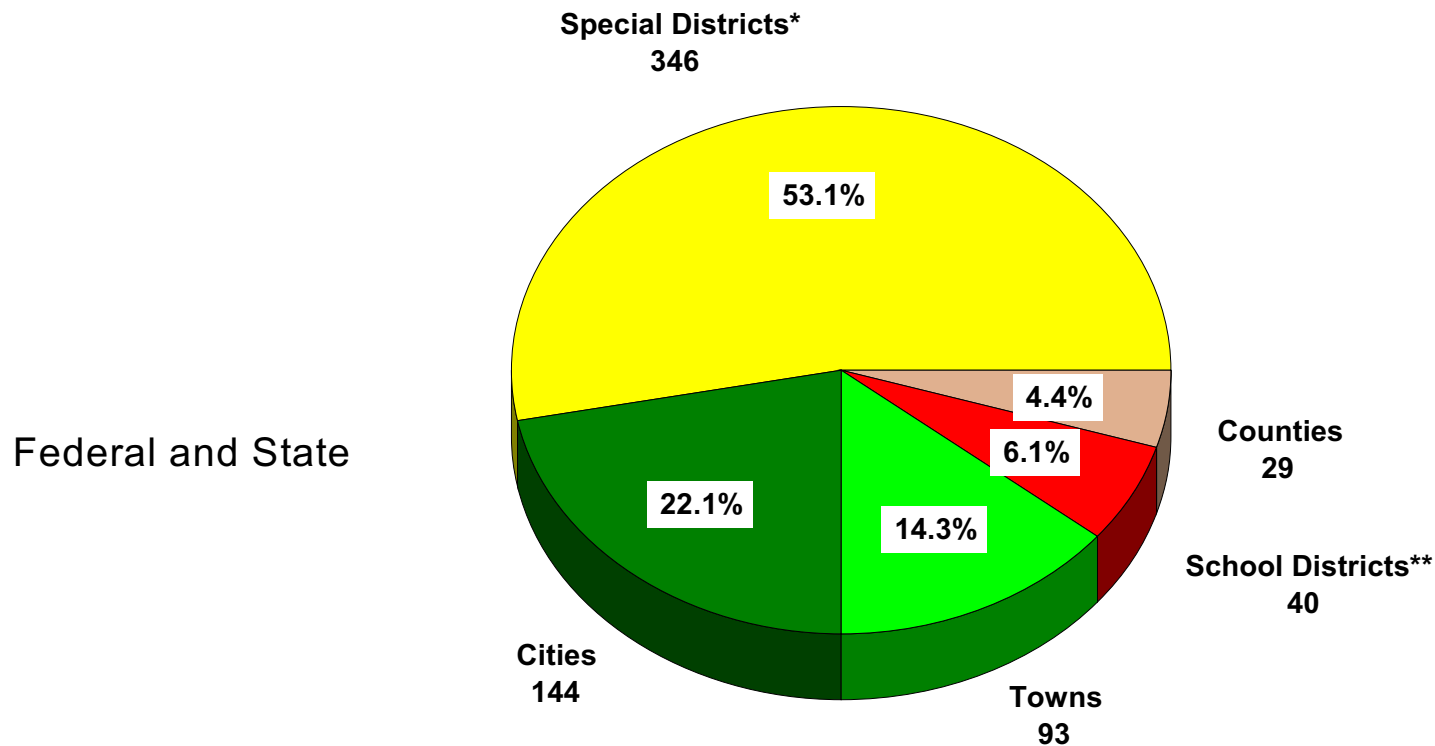
- **All voters <u>may be</u> within a:**
  - Municipal boundary;
  - Municipal voting district;
  - unincorporated county;
  - Local district, including: cemetery, water, sewer, flood control, electric, gas, drainage, fire protection, irrigation, mosquito abatement, public transit, or other district

Can these be included?

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Entities that May Hold Public Elections

652 Total Entities in Utah

Special Districts*
346

53.1%

Federal and State

22.1%

14.3%

6.1%

4.4%

Counties
29

School Districts**
40

Towns
93

Cities
144

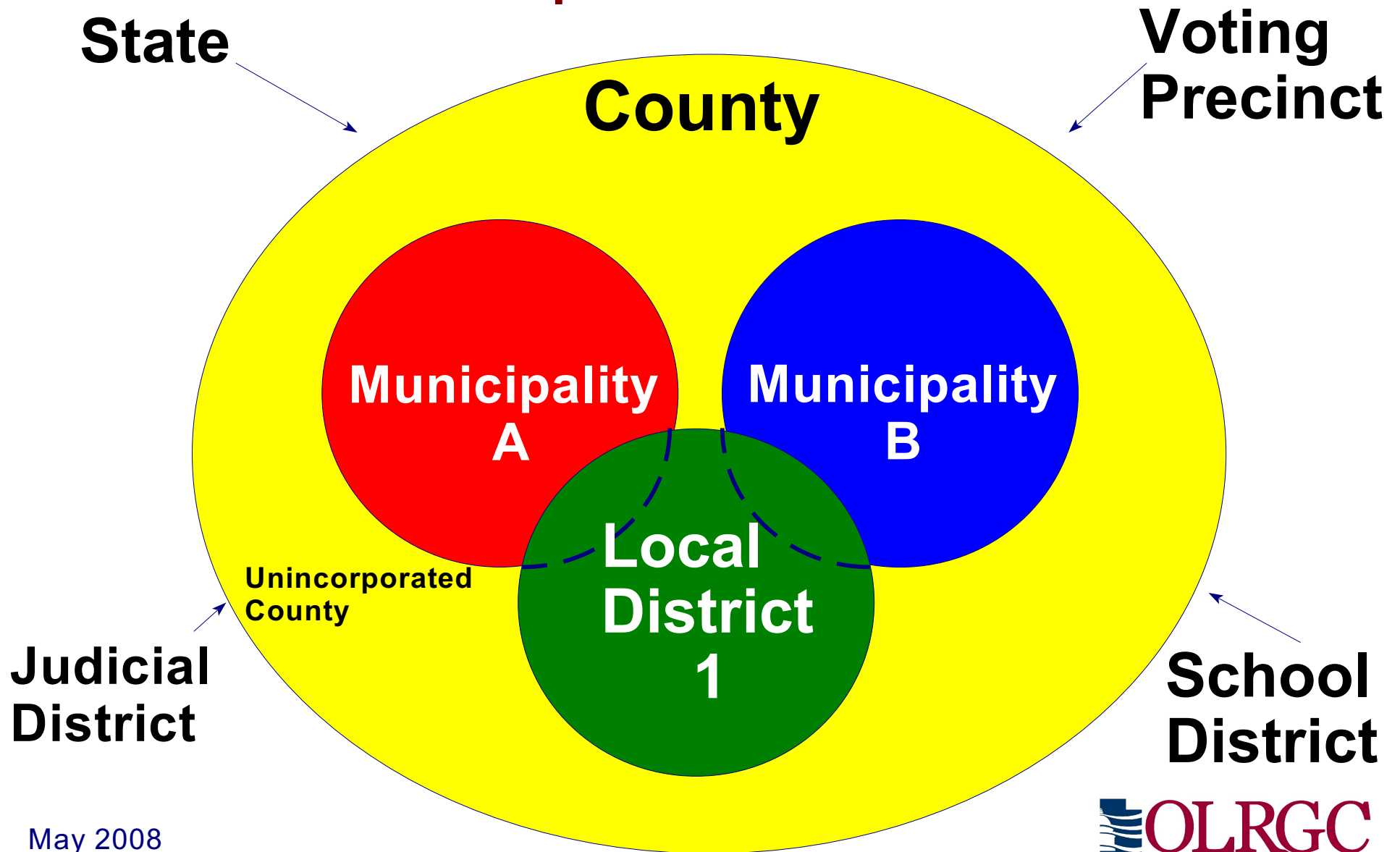Source: Numbers adapted from the State Auditor website May 2008
* The Utah Association of Special Districts website shows 382 local and special service districts in Utah
** 41 school districts effective July 1, 2009 with the split of the Jordan School District

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Overlapping Boundaries
Multiple Jurisdictions

State

Voting Precinct

County

Municipality A

Municipality B

Unincorporated County

Local District 1

Judicial District
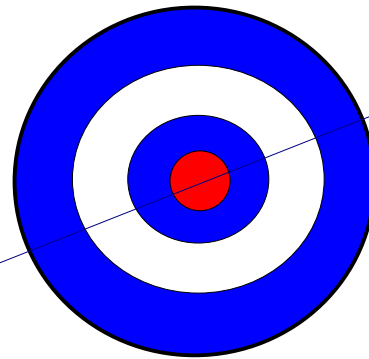
School District

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Ballot Coordination Issues

Key Questions

How many ballot forms are needed to provide only <u>one ballot</u> to each voter statewide?

**Is it possible?
-- logistically?
-- technologically?**

- **Other key questions**
  - ▸ **What data do we have?**
  - ▸ **What data do we lack?**
  - ▸ **Can the data be made reliable enough for election purposes?**
  - ▸ **What election administrative changes are needed?**
  - ▸ **What costs / cost allocations are involved?**
  - ▸ **Other issues?**

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Ballot Coordination Provisions for Local Districts

Section 17B-1-306 Utah Code

"(2)(a) Each election of local district board member shall be held:

(i) at the **same time as* the municipal general election**; and

(ii) **at polling places designated by the clerk of the county** in which the local district is located."

* "at the same time as" replaced "in conjunction with" in S.B. 47, Limited Purpose Local Government Entities Revisions, 2008 General Session

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Section 17B-1-306 Utah Code

(6)(b) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(c), the clerk of each county in which the local district is located **shall coordinate the placement of the name of each candidate for local district office in the nonpartisan section of the municipal general election ballot** with the municipal election clerk.

(ii) **If consolidation** of the local district election ballot with the municipal general election ballot **is not feasible**, the county clerk shall provide for a **separate local district election ballot** to be administered by separate election judges at polling locations designated by the county clerk in consultation with the local district.

(c) (i) Subsections (6)(a) and (b) **do not apply** to an election of a member of the board of an **irrigation district** established under Chapter 2a, Part 5, Irrigation District Act.

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Section 17B-1-306 Utah Code

(11) This section **does not apply** to an improvement district that provides **electric or gas** service.

<u>*(12) The provisions of Title 20A, Chapter 3, Part 3, Early Voting, do not apply to an election under this section.</u>

* Subsection (12) was added by S.B. 47, Limited Purpose Local Government Entities Revisions, 2008 General Session

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